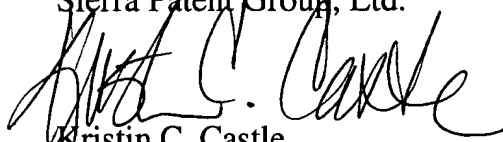


8. (Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein said comparing comprises comparing an area under a peak in said at least one selected absorption band in said first Fourier transform infrared spectrum to an area under a peak in said at least one selected absorption band in said second Fourier transform infrared spectrum.

REMARKS

Consideration and an early allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

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APPENDIX 1

MARKED-UP SPECIFICATION

This application is a continuation-in-part of [co-pending application serial number] U.S. Application No. 09/172,186, filed October 13, 1998[.], now abandoned, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/063,054, filed October 27, 1997.

MARKED-UP CLAIMS

8. (Amended) The method of claim [58] 6, wherein said comparing comprises comparing an area under a peak in said at least one selected absorption band in said first Fourier transform infrared spectrum to an area under a peak in said at least one selected absorption band in said second Fourier transform infrared spectrum.